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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

FROM : Director of Central Intelligence

With reference to your letter of 5 July to Randy Jayne, I would like to make sure that we are clear on the President's position on classification of the National Foreign Intelligence budget. The President has not interposed an objection to declassification of the budget but has stated the responsibility for doing that must rest with the Congress. The point behind this is that the President has also taken a position that if the budget is unclassified, it must be a single figure only. Unless the Congress were willing to disclose only a single figure and discipline itself to that degree, the President would oppose a declassification. Hence, its up to the Congress to make the decision as to whether to declassify a single figure.

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